

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

I am the owner of a small ISP company in Baltimore , Maryland and it has been brought to my attention that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Bell monopolies. This matter involves the Bell monopolies goal to regulate , monopolize , and tax Internet Service Providers. By allowing this to happen the state of the internet as it is today will change drastically affecting businesses and consumers nationwide. Smaller ISP's will be forced out of business. Those that try to survive will fight to keep clients as they will have to pass the fees and taxation on to their customers. Meanwhile the Bells will be competing to take our clients away since they can offer much lower pricing and dominate the market. Don't the Bells have enough money all ready ! As a small ISP owner , I would like to make a living at this , is this possible ? It is just not right. As it is , the service my company provides is more than any big ISP company provides to their customers. A client with simply a dial-up internet account can rely on my company for support with issues beyond their account such as full computer technical support , no big ISP offers this and neither will the Bells. In addition , the level of security is much higher from a smaller ISP who takes personal interest in their networks and each of his clients. We notify our clients regularly by email and telephone about all network and internet happenings , it has been my personal experience that no Big ISP does this and neither will the Bells. As owner of my company I have already been dealing with the Bells over issues of their clients spamming emails and attempting to hack our network. It is my personal experience that these Bells and the large ISPs could truly care less about these issues. My time and efforts tracking these offenders almost always ends in only an auto-reply from their abuse or security teams. Put the Bells in control of everything and the internet will become a pit of nothing but spamming and hacking activity. Our company , as I said , is a small ISP and we will likely be forced out of business if the Bells are allowed to do this. This will mean loss of jobs , and losses to the consumer who will lose that personal interest from their ISP. It is certainly not right that the Bells be allowed to control the internet , a public domain that the smaller ISPs are the heart of and paid themselves to build the way it is today. I hope you will seriously take my assessment of this situation into consideration as your decisions in this matter could be devastating to businesses , consumers , and the growth of the internet itself.

Sincerely,

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